HIGH POLICE OFFICIALS.

AN AFTERNOON WITH THE COMMISSIONERS AT HEADQUARTERS - CHIEF INSPECTOR

> BYRNES IN HIS PRIVATE OFFICE -THE SUPERINDENDENT

AND HIS AIDES.

Eighty years ago the best policed city in the world was Paris, twenty years ago it was London. to-day it is New-York. The organization of the Police Department of this city is extremely simple, and in that quality lies in large part its efficiency. The law of the State authorizes the Mayor to appoint four commissioners, who constitute what known as the Board of Police. They are the head of the Police Department. They govern and control it, direct its business, manipulate its affairs, enact, modify, and repeal from time to time orders, rules and regulations of general discipline, make appointments, promotions, and removals-in short, their authority in police matters is so nearly supreme that they handle the force pretty much as they please. Should they override their authority, however, the Mayor may complain to the Governor, and have them turned out of office, as Mayor Cooper did in the case of Commissioners Nichols and Smith, who were removed by Governor Robinson. The pay of a



COMMISSIONER JAMES J. MARTIN.

Commissioner is \$5,000 a year. The appointments to the Board are among the fattest-from a political point of View-in the gift of the Mayor, and any time these eight months, until last Friday, Hugh J. Grant would have torned a double summerset backward for a chance to run in another Tammany man to keep his pair of braves company and break the deadlock that existed from May to January.

The four Commissioners now sitting in judgment and authority at Police Headquarters, No. 300 Mulberry-st., are John R. Voorbes, a dyed-inthe-wool County Democrat (with Tammany leanings); John McClave, an out-and-out Republican; Charles F. MacLeau, Tummany Big Injun, and James J. Martin, Tammany Big Injun. Now, it was whispered all through the summer and fall that each of these gentlemen would like to be elected by the others president of the Board of Police. It was understood that Mr Voorhis was willing to cost his vote for Mr. McClave, Mr. Martin and Mr. were not: Mr. McClave was willing to cast his vote for Mr. Voorlis, but Mr. Martin and Mr. MacLean were not: Mr. Mar-tin was willing to vote for Mr. MacLean, but Mr. Voorlis and Mr. McClave were not: Mr. MacLean was willing to vote for Mr. Martin, but Mr. Voorhis and Mr. McClave were not. Each of the four was willing to vote for himself, but the circumstances were not propitions. Therefore the Board remained until Friday without a president. This permitted a turn-about-fair-play arrangement, by which each became acting president-Mr. Voorhis serving one day, Mr. McClave the next, Mr. Mac-Lean the third, Mr. Martin the fourth, and so on. But on Friday Tammany and the Counties settled all doubts and uncertainties by bringing about the election of Mr. MacLean, who is therefore president of the Board.

Commissioners Voorlais, MacLean and McClave floor of the Central Station. Mr. Martin is on the third floor, and all Board mechans are held in his room. The four members, with arms and | head. Tell as all about it."



COMMISSIONER JOHN MCCLAVE

pockets filled with prayers, petitions, complaints, charges and other documentary evidence of the burdens of office, repair thither at 1 p. m. on meeting day and adjust themselves on three sides of a big table. They are attended by Major Kipp, chief clerk and self-appointed keeper of the peace. With consummate tact the sage Major has arranged the chairs so that the three Demo crats cannot get within hair-pulling distance of one another. Mr. McClave, for instance, sits between Messrs. Voorhis and Martin, Major Eupp between Messrs. Voorbis and MacLean, while between Messrs. Martin and MacLean are eight feet

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION.

The business of the Board is usually of a routine nature. A clerk at Headquarters has been charged with drinking and neglect of duty. They

ing an expression of the three graces merged into w

in allopathic doses by Mr. Veorhis.

"What's your full name? "James J .- James John McGinty."

"Where were you born?" "Oneisla County, New-Yor-rak." "When?"

'Jinerwerry the foort', 1860." 'How long have you lived in this city?"



COMMISSIONER JOHN R. VOORHIS.

"What's your business?"

"Silversmith, sir." "Pretty well acquinted with the city?"

"Oh, yes, sir. "Where's the United States Hotel""

"In Broadway, "What part of Broadway ""

"For-rty-second-st., sir, though Oi'm not quite sure if that's roight.

Where's the Hoffman House?" "In Fitt ave., sir.

"What part of Fifth-ave. ?" "Twenty-fourt'-st., sir."

Where's Maiden Lane?"

Down-town, sir. How far from Cortlandt-st.?

"About two or t'ree blocks, sir." "Where's the Hoboken Ferry?"

"For-riv-scond-st., sir. "Where's the Weehawken Ferry?"

Liber-riv-st., sir. "If you were going to Albany what road would

The West Shor', sir."

"Couldn't you take some other road?" Or might go by the Pennsylvania, sir."

Suppose you are taking a prisoner to Sing Sing, how would you go. By the New-Yor-ruk, New-Hav'n, sir "

New-York and New-Haven! "New-Yor-rule an' Har-riford, Oi mane, sir.



SUPERINTENDENT MURRAY

"No, sir, nivver in me luife." "What's that big sear doing on your

head. Tell us all about it.

"Yis, ser. Whin Oi was a boy Oi had a small "There a one iyurron bank in which Oi kipt me money an' Oi. like. We'll us an' fell out o' the bed, the bank fallin' wi' me, dockey alm me fore lead struck on the carner an' cut "Yes

"Ail right. You may go now " of The door closes behind the poor unfortunate and the Commissioners shake their jolly sides

Mr. Martin-He broke the bank

Mr. MacLean-No, the bank broke him. Mr. Voorlos-ilis knowledge of the city is not

him in here once before and he failed, so I thought Fd give him another chance. He doesn't seem to have improved

AN INSPIRATION. An inspiration comes near tambling Mr. Mac-

Lean off the arm of the chair on which he has to say to the force is said through the Superintend

"Call him back," he cries to the doorman Pack he comes with a fresh supply of faith,

hope and charity in his countenance.

Mr. MicLean stands erect, looks daggers at

"Evidence. How do you know you were born then? How do you know you were not bern in

1850.77

"By the-Oper r-by the-by me papers, sir."
"What, your materalization papers."
(Smile all round.
"No, sir, On have none of them. Of jist know by the-cyr-by the-by me."
"In other words, you don't know anything about it."

"In other words, you don't know anything about it."

Mr. Martin (to the reserve—Eighteen-sixty? That makes him thirty years old the doesn't look to be over that, Mr. Mellenn.

A short-heired, short-bodied man wants to be fireman on the police beat Patrol. He has been in the firemon of the United States craiser Reston, and desires to leave the new Navy for a change of het air. Mr. Martin recommends him, and he is taken on probation. Mr. MacLean is induced to vote "Aye" because he thinks short hair and short body line points in a fireman.

one—faith, hope and charity. Only a little more of the little finger of the left hand, and a dignified deportment. The swivel in his watchedarm in that mighty presence would search him, he would surely die then and there. And yet he aspires to wear a uniform and swing a club in the dark watches of the might!

The Civil Service prescription is administered. The swivel in his made acting Superintendent for the night, Night duty begins at 6 p. m. and ends at 8 a. m. After dinner the Superintendent usually "happens in" a station where he does not expect to be expected, in order that he may see for himself what sort of discipline prevails there. For these multimations duties he receives \$8.000 a year, \$8.1,000 more than a Commissioner.

Superintendent Murray reached his present office by the strictest appreciation of the Civil office by th HEADS OF THE NEW-YORK FORCE

alarm in that mighty presence would shout at to death. If a Commissioner should shout at him, be would surely die then and there. And yet he aspires to wear a uniform and swing a club in the dark watches of the night!

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The Civil Service prescription is administered by the local part of the Board, and is better looking than his niceture.

A BI-MARCH IN ACTION.

Mr. McClave can look as fierce as a bold Numidian lion. He harrows his hair with his fingers till it strats about and around in every direction, like a rice patch in a tempest; his corrugated forehead grows cloudy with the het blast of thought, his brows quiver in their shagginess, the boring capacity of his blue eyes rivals the outfit of a Pennsylvania well-digger, his square jaws are set, his square chin is advanced menacingly, his square mustache assumes a threatening attitude—he looks a Bismarck in action. But when the smoke clears away he is only John McClave, courteons, genial, affable, likeable, and, as we have said of Mr. Martin, letter hooking than his picture. Mr. McClave wears more watch-chain than any other man in public life. Martingales of gold notorn the capacions front of his waist-coat, coming apparently from every pocket and buttonhole. He wears a green cravat with a small diamond pin in the upper left-hand corner of the knot. He also wears glasses, which he waves in his right hand when illustrating a point by gesture. When listening to the remarks and contemplating the wisdom of his colleagues he shoves both hands deep into his trousers' pockets and hooks his clows over the arms of his chair. jaws are set, his square chin is advanced menhis chair. MR. V." AND HIS TWO THUMBS.

Mr. Voorlais, who has grown gray in the service, is more than twice as good-looking as his picture. He can seem furious when in the mood, but lurking beneath the fountain of his wrath there is a spring of delicious humor. When he scares a point—and he scores many—his eyes twinkle and scintillate so vivaciously that the lids partly close as if to keep them from jumping out for a merry prance and caper over the table. A philosophic resignation to the cares of life has brought many crows'



feet to Mr. Voorliks eyes. They radiate from the corners like spokes from a nul, farrowing temple and cheek with deep, expressive crosses Mr. Voorliks is suffressed by his colleanues as "Mr. V". He is the active member of the Board, the minutest actais of police management being as somiliar to him as the A-B-C's. He wears a red and black paid sort with a big cameo pin in the centre. The thumb of his right hand spends a farce nearly of A's existence in his month, playing with his front test. It finds its way there unterested in the surface mental process of coolsing a brilliant with the mental process of coolsing a brilliant that the mental process of the board and them on the plant consideration in the contice may an important them on the plant consideration in points they are an importa there and is the step of the state of the st ween his teeth, and pries and bites and bites an

BUTTER LOOKING THAN HIS PICTURE Mr. MacLenn is a keen, contions lower, wh has mostered the art of opening his mouth with out putting his foot in it. You might as well try to trip up a centipede.

"Till vote for it if you recommend it," Mr. Voorbis will say when Mr. MicLean introduces a "Oh, I don't recommend it," is the shrewd re-

oner McClave lends a hand; "Wait ply, "I only present it for the action of the

"Yes "Humph, Johnny 'Il feel flattered,"
"Humph, Johnny 'Il feel flattered,"
Mr. MacLean is fast becoming bold. His crop of hair is like the tarmer's eats, "how but thin," and at every insecupied moment of the day and much his left land wanders among the scattering theks to feel if they are still there. He is not hack to feel if they are still there.

SUPLEISTENDENT MURRAY. chief executive officer of the Police Department is the Superintendent, William Murray. All orders to the force are issued by hun. He

lieutenant to the other. Whatever the Board has





an inspector of police. He is what his title im-



command. The Superimendent holds him responsible for the preservation of peace and the spendide for the preservation of peace and the protection of the and limb in his district, and for the discipline of the three tigetent. When a scriptors of extensive fire breaks on the is expected to arrive on the scene is seen after the batter from an appearance of the fort and set an example for his day to be the front and set an example for his day to be the front and set an example for his day to be the front and set an example for his day to be the front and set an example for his day to be the front and set an example for his day to be the front and set an example for his day to be the front and set an example for his day to be the front and set an example for his day to be the front and set an example for his day to be the front and set an example for his day to be the front and set an example for his day to be the first attempt to go other than the total on the front platform of the first attempt to go other than the firs

Let it be understood that the fore one remarks apply principally to the three District Inspectors—steers, Williams and Coulin, inspector Etries is not liberty to catch all the coal, trickings, builets. six per in the part of the first state of the first

sugar of lead and is not a dye. It preserves, softens, destroys dandruff, prevents premature grayness and entirely removes the harshness caused by continued use of rum and quinine. Offe trial insures permanent use.

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Inspectors Steers, Williams and Conlin occupy one room to the right of the main entrance, and may be found there at any time of day between 0 a.m. and 4 p. m. No trouble to reach them; just walk in and help your-elf. Williams is the longest, Steers the fattest, Conlin the happy medium. They are all better looking than their netures.

to sun up, the Police Depertment, coing from head to foot, in ranking order, consists of commissioners, surerintendent, chief inspector, district inspectors, surerintendent, chief inspector, district inspectors, surerintendent, chief inspectors, captains, sergeants, roundsmen, patrolinea and doormer. Inspectors, captains, sergeants and roundsmen rank, in their respective grades according to seniority of appointment. It is a dangerously close fit between Inspectors Williams and Conlin, as they were appointed in the same day and the same hour. The former, however, is said to have a few minutes the start of his colleague and therefore stands next to Inspector Steers, who is next to Chief Inspector Byrnes, who is next to the Superinten. espector Byrnes, who is next to the Superinten

REAL ESTATE STATISTICS.

THE SALES LAST YEAR THE BIGGEST ON RECORD:

NUMBER AND COST OF BUILDINGS PROJECTED IN 1882-CONVEYANCES OF PROPERTY

LAST WEEK

The figures of the amount of real estate transactions in this city last year show a remarkable growth over 1888, and even surpass the marvellous record of 18-8, and even suppose the mirvelous result to the ligh-water mark for years at least. During the twelve months just closed there were 15,085 conveyances of property, with an aggregate value of \$269,873,442. largest month's business was done in December, which indicates that the market was in a most satis-These sgares are greater by over \$50,000,000 than those for less, which were \$217,732,036, and was not, however, due to a number of large single sales, as it was accompanied by an increase of 3,000 term of the sales, and of over 1,000 over 1887.

an even more remarkable growth. The total estiand the number 4,385. Of these, 1,342 were flat and tenement houses, 1,276 swellings and 164 office buildings, hotels, churches and other large structures.

THE NEW DRAMATIC YEAR.

FEW CHANGES OF BILL AT THE THEATRES THIS WEEK.

Richard Mansfield and his managers express themselvess as much gratified at the public appreciation of the production of "King Richard III." that has been manifested. The receipts are said to be increasing surely and steadily, and the New Year's Day matines was an especially good one. The cost of the production was so great that many doubted at first whether it would be possible for it to succeed finan-

The demand for seats for the first week of "The Gondollers" at the New Park Theatre has been a

attractive for the short remainder of its stay. shenandosh" will soon reach its 150th performance at Proctor's Twenty third Street Theatre, but it will not stop then. It has now been arranged to keep the play on the stage at this house through February. This has been made possible by changes in John siction's plans for his Boston Theatre, where "shenan

The week's work at the Amberg Theatre will be to The week's work at the Amberg Theatre will be to place before the frequenters of the house the following programme: Monday, Carl streitmann in "The Gypsy Barch". Tuesday, "corpheus in the Under World": Wednesday, for the first time, Johann Stranes's open, "A Night in Venice," with all the leading artists in the east, including Streitmann, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, "A Night in Venice."

The race seems in "The County Fair," at the Union square Theatre, is more effectively presented now than every before, or at least that is the opinion of those most familiar with it. The mounting of the place throughout is in fact especially real in appearance.

doah" was next due.

ance.

"Fantasma" has had one week at the Fourteenth
street Theates, and it will have one more. The new
features that have been added to the performance
since its last appearance in the city have increased
its attractiveness. The piece has stood a long test
of time.

of time.

One of Charles H. Hoyt's farce-comedies yields to mother at the hijon Theatre this week. "A Brass Monkey" goes and "A Tim Soldier" comes. It is arrily necessary to say of a farce-comedy that new catures have been added to it since it was last seek

lere.

It is announced that people who want to see Miss Fahny Daveoport in "La Tosca" must see her at the Star Theatre this week. Her engalement closes on Saunday hight, and when she comes to New-York next shown she will play other pieces.

Miss Phorence St. John has shown herself one of the most attractive features of "Faust Up to Date" at the Broadway Theatre. The dancers also receive a considerable amount of commendation, and they and the rest of the company will be in town for just two weeks more.

From the way people flock to see "The Old Home.

weeks more.

From the way people flock to see "The Old Home-stead at the Academy of Music it has been suspected that some of them were taking the play a number of times in the winter in the place of a visit to the coun-iry in the summer. For people of limited means the plan might at all events be worth trying. Protessor Cromwell's lecture at the Flith Avenue.

reaching fosion on dangery 29, for a seeks, arrest is rapidly recovering his health, uspet the latter part of this month for tection, returning to this city in time to ris upon the stage early next season, by with Mr. Booth.

for Forned Fromman's production of red Pomper's is in course of preparation in Homer F. Emons, Gaspard Maeter, and home Sanesfer. The play will be containly Theorems on Mr. J. Florence, who are pre-lived to the France and the Pauper, ream and W. J. Florence, who are pre-lived in the West to large andieness, inclaiming to this week, reaching St. and Chienzo on January 20 for of two works. In March they return the star Theatre, where they will be the star Theatre, where they will be

Mr. Thir's new star, Miss Edsall, who makes her appropriate on this stage at Albany on February